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Basic Training School for Women (Junior), Palghat

* 335 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications received from Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district, for admission to the Basic Training School for Women (Junior), Palghat, Malabar district, during this year; and

(*b*) the number of candidates selected?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Ten.

(*b*) One candidate was selected and her name was put in the reserve list. She could not, however, be admitted for want of a vacancy.

Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, may I know why her name could not be included in the first list and why it was included in the reserve list?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sorry I cannot give the reasons. There is a Selection Committee appointed for that purpose and they have made the selection. They thought it fit to include her name in the reserve list. Unfortunately, no further vacancy was available and therefore she could not be admitted.

Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, is it not a fact that she was told by the Selection authorities that since she was coming from Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district, she could not be accommodated in the school?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I do not think that these things will arise hereafter, because Kasaragod taluk will form part of Malabar. I do not think there will be any use in putting such a question. I do not believe the Selection Committee would have gone to the extent of putting such a question to the candidate.

Dispute between the workers and the management of the Mehru Lunch Home, Mangalore

* 336 *Q.*—Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri S. Pakkiriswami Pillai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the conciliation officer of Mangalore attempted to make a settlement between the workers and the management of the Mehru Lunch Home, Mangalore, and that he failed in his attempt; and

(*b*) the action taken further to effect a settlement of the dispute?

The Hon. M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Proprietors of Mehru Lunch Home, Mangalore, have also two other establishments, viz., City Lunch Home and Mehru Cold

House. On account of the closure of the City Lunch Home, a dispute arose between its workers and the management. The Labour Officer, Mangalore, took up conciliation but adjourned it to 10th August 1956 so that another attempt might be made by the management and the workers to come to a settlement. On 8th August 1956 the management and the workers came to an agreement by which the management paid compensation at increased rates to all workers and the matter was settled.

Site for the expansion of livestock farm in Pudukkottai Division

* 337 *Q*.—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to the answer given on 14th August 1956 to a supplementary question on Question No. 84—

(*a*) the nature of the difference of opinion between the Animal Husbandry department and the Forest department in the matter of selection of a site for the expansion of the present livestock farm in Pudukkottai Division of Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) the site recommended by (1) the Animal Husbandry department and (2) the Forest department?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The Machwadi reserved forest has been recommended by the Animal Husbandry department. Government are generally against disreservation of reserved forests. The matter is therefore still under consideration.

(*b*) No site has been recommended by the Forest department as they were not asked to recommend any.

Sri R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Sir, in view of the fact that the reserved forest that has been recommended by the Animal Husbandry department is not a big forest as such and as that area is covered only with small bushes, will the Government come forward to suggest to the Forest department to allow this site? They are standing in the way of expansion of this cattle farm. This farm is useful not only to Pudukkottai but also to surrounding places like Madurai and Ramanathapuram districts.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Forest department cannot stand in the way of any development programme, but it is for the Government to decide whether we could disreserve this reserved forest area. I would also like to take into account the local public opinion in this matter. The Government are looking into the entire matter and they will be taking a decision very soon.

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Sir, in assessing the local public opinion, will the Hon. Minister take into account the All-party public opinion instead of the opinion of one single party in view